

# Natural Gas and Renewables

## *Greener Sooner*



*U.S. DOE Natural Gas/  
Renewable Energy Hybrids  
Workshop*

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# NETL Plays Key Role in Fossil Energy Supply, Delivery, and Use Technologies

## Electric Power Using Coal



**Coal Production**



**Environmental Control**



**V21 Next Generation**



**Carbon Sequestration**

## Clean Liquid Fuels



**Exploration & Production**



**Refining & Delivery**



**Alternative Fuels**

## Natural Gas



**Exploration & Production**



**Pipelines & Storage**



**Fuel Cells**



**Combustion Turbines**

# Energy: Our Core Mission



*National Energy  
Technology Laboratory*

*National Renewable  
Energy Laboratory*



# Natural Gas / Renewable Energy Journey

11/99  
Informal Gas/  
Renewable  
Discussion

12/99  
Strategic Center for  
Natural Gas Established  
at NETL

Gas/Renewable  
Industry Roundtables

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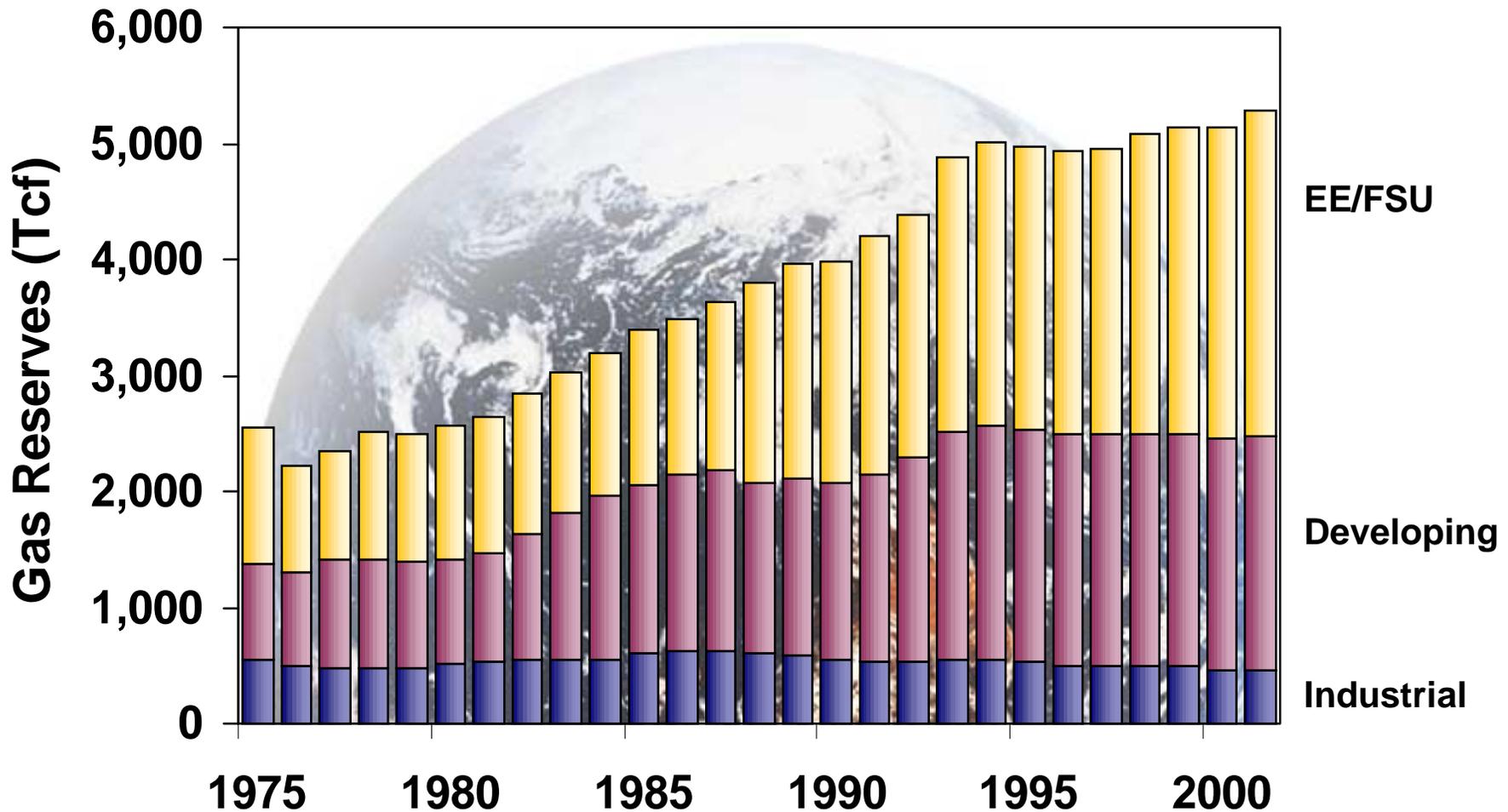
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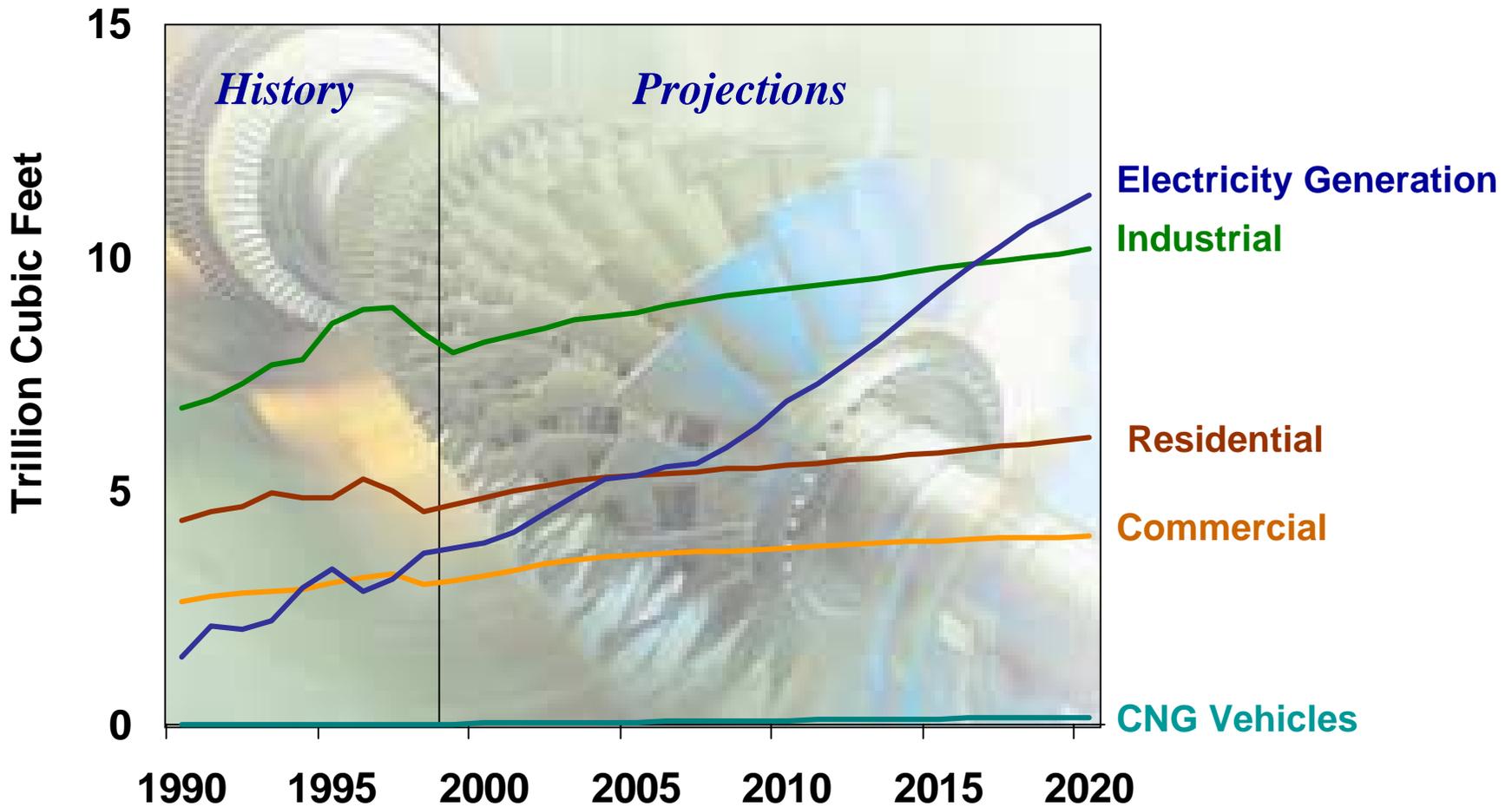
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# Abundant Worldwide Gas Reserves

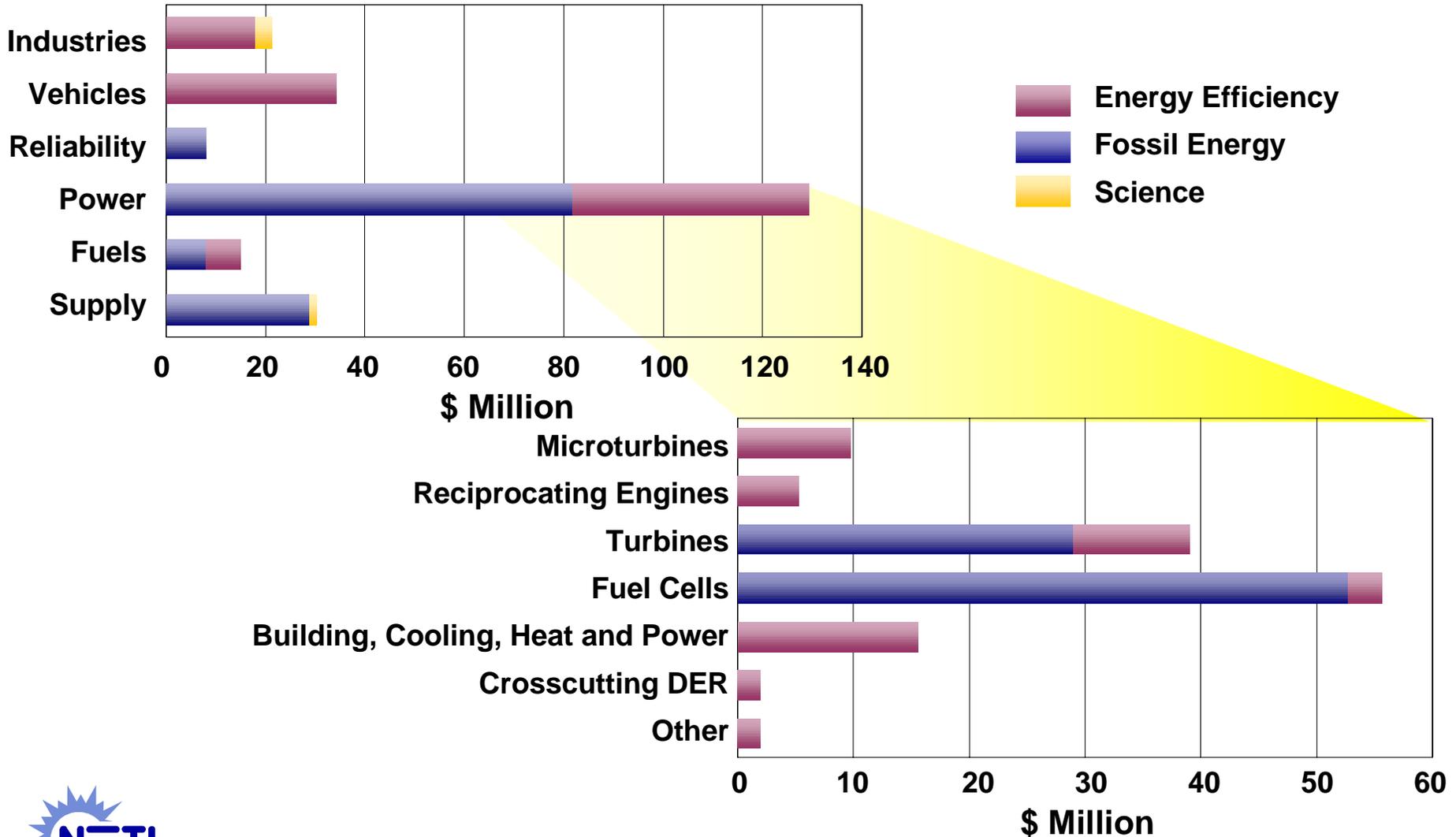


# U.S. Natural Gas Consumption by Sector 1990-2020



# DOE's Natural Gas Portfolio

*\$238 million/year*



# Hybrid

*Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition*

**hybrid** ("halbrld, "hlbrld), *n. and a.*



Offspring of two animals or plants of different species, or (less strictly) varieties; a half-breed, cross-breed, or mongrel

**1601** Holland *Pliny* II. 231. . . and verily such hogs in old time they called Hybrides, as a man would say, halfe wild

**1623** Cockeram, *Hibride*, a Hog ingendred betweene a wilde Boare and a tame Sow



# Hybrid Systems

## *Natural Gas Power Systems*



## *Renewable Technologies and Fuels*



Hydro plant photo by Warren Gretz, NREL

# Distributed Generation Technologies



*Small Turbines*



*Fuel Cells*



*Fuel Cell/Turbine Hybrids*



*Microturbines*



*Solar*



*Wind*

# Vision 21

## *Ultra-Clean Power Plant of the Future*

### *Energy Plants for Post-2015*

- **Use available feeds:**
  - Coal, gas, biomass, waste
- **Electricity is primary product**
  - May co-produce fuels, chemicals, steam, heat



### *Goal:*

**Absolutely minimize environmental implications of use of fossil energy!**

### *Approach:*

- **Maximize efficiency**
  - 60% coal-to-electric
- **Near-zero emissions**
  - Option for carbon sequestration

# Natural Gas / Renewable Characteristics

	Natural Gas	Renewable
Capital Cost		
Fuel Costs		\$0
Availability	24/7	
Efficiency	↑ 60% +	↔ Varies
Public Acceptance	?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Emissions		

*Natural Synergies for Reliable, Environmentally Friendly Power*



# Public Benefits

## *Natural Gas / Renewable Energy Hybrids*

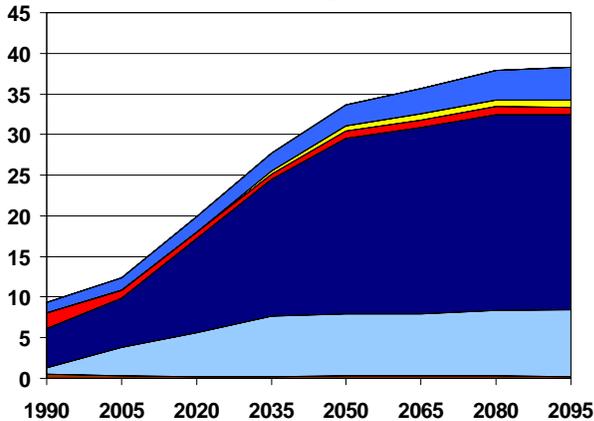
- Reduce emissions
- Improve reliability
- Provide fuel diversity
- *Greener Sooner*



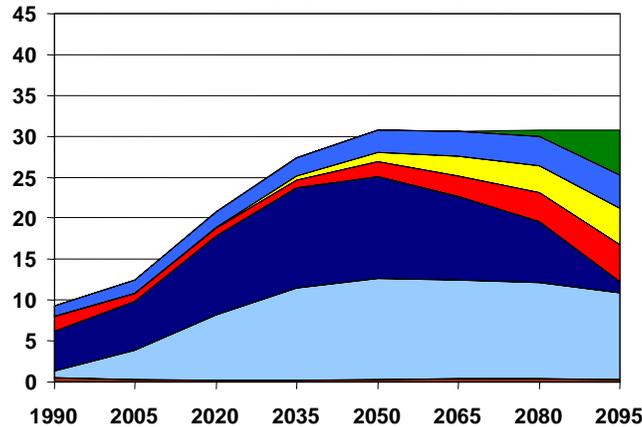
# Transition to the Future

## *U.S. Electricity Generation*

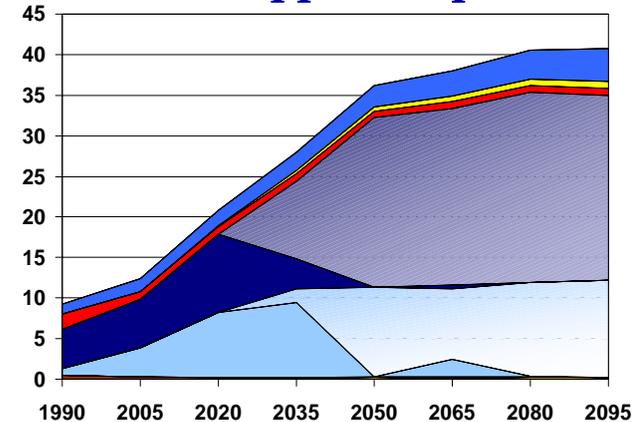
*Reference Case  
No CO<sub>2</sub> cap*



*No Sequestration  
550 ppmv cap*



*Sequestration Option  
550 ppmv cap*



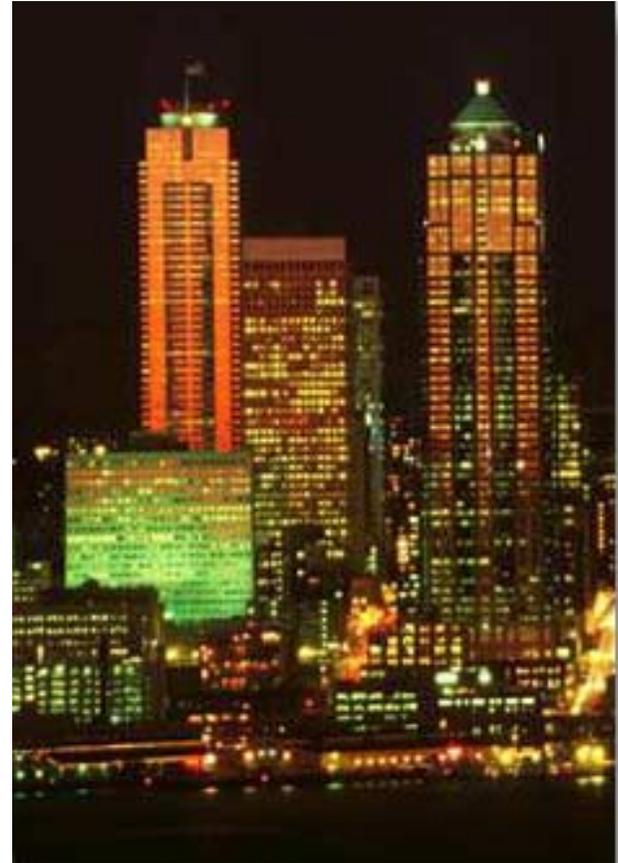
- Biomass
- Hydro
- Solar
- Nuclear
- Coal
- Gas



# Commercial Advantages

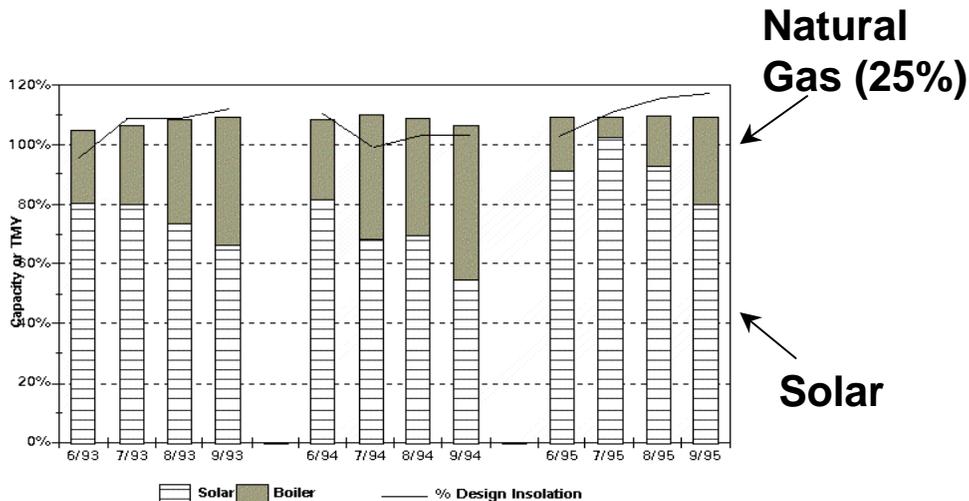
## *Natural Gas / Renewable Energy Hybrids*

- **Power 24/7**
- **Public acceptability**
- **Financial incentives  
(renewable tax credits)**
- **Portfolio standards**



# Solar / Natural Gas Hybrid

- **9 SEGS plants in California**
  - Solar Electric Generating System
- **354 MW combined capacity**
- **Produce >90% of world's solar electric**



**On-Peak Capacity Showing Hybrid Operation**



**SEGS Plant in Kramer Junction, CA**



# Geothermal / Natural Gas District Heating

## *Zakopane, Poland*

- **Geothermal wells produce hot water for district heating**
- **Gas-fired hot water boilers**
  - Supply peaking needs
  - Drive absorption heat pumps
- **Significantly reduces emissions**



# Biomass / Natural Gas Hybrid



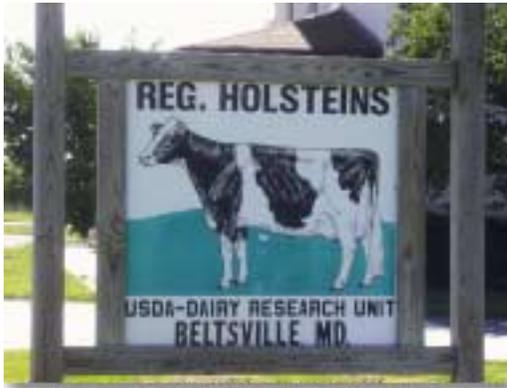
*McNeil Generating Station  
Burlington, VT*

- Largest U.S. utility-owned wood-burning plant
- In operation since 1984
- Plant retrofit 1989 to burn natural gas
- First demonstration of biomass gasifier

# USDA Agricultural Research Service

## *Waste to Energy Project*

- **Project partners:**
  - USDA
  - EERE
  - NETL
- **Demonstrate advanced low emission technology on animal waste digester gas**



# Pleasant Hills Sewage Treatment Plant

## *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

- **Digester gas currently flared**
- **NETL working with local municipality to install microturbine CHP system**
- **Plant to produce 30 kWe from digester gas**
- **Potential for 270 kWe gas-fired microturbines**



# Objectives for Today's Workshop

## For hybrid systems, identify

- Opportunities
- Barriers to use
- Technology gaps
- System integration tools



# Hybrid Natural Gas / Renewable Energy Systems

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